

# SWEN BJORKMAN AND WIVES

KAREN CHRISTINE JANSON  
ESTHER MARGARITTA WAHLQUIST  
HANNAH WILHEMINA ERICKSON

Swen Pehrson Bjorkman was born December 22, 1850, in Bjorklinge, Uppland, Sweden.

## ✓ BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



CHARLES P. AND MARY SHAW BJORKMAN



S. ROBERT AND ORA I. PICKETT BJORKMAN



Sweden, son of Per and Christina Jansson Pehrsson. He married Karen Christine Jansson in 1873. She was born March 31, 1851.

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at Dannenora Sock, Myra, Sweden. She died January 2, 1878, in childbirth. Swen married Esther Margratta Wahlquist on June 10, 1878, in the Endowment House. She was born September 16, 1860, in Ostra Ryd, Ostergotland, Sweden, daughter of Anders Fredric and Anne Catherine Wahlquist. She died August 3, 1889, during childbirth. He then married Hannah Wilhelmina Erickson of Salt Lake in the Logan Temple on September 21, 1892. She was born in Ostergotland, Sweden, August 28, 1861. Swen died March 29, 1912, and Hannah died January 15, 1927, at Daniel.

Several of Swen Bjorkman's family joined the LDS Church. His father died June 23, 1868, at Bjorklinge, so in May, 1869, Swen, his brother Andrew, Andrew's wife and small son and their sister, Caroline (Karen) Bjorkman, came with their widowed mother to America in one of the first steamships, "Minnesota," which landed at New York City. They arrived by train in Ogden, in late July, and were met by a brother, Pehr Erick, who took them to Salt Lake.

Swen found work where he could and when the Germania Smelting Works, the first of its kind in Utah, commenced operation on Little Cottonwood Creek below the State Road, on November 6, 1872, Swen worked there to get money to bring his sweetheart, Karen Christine Janson, to Salt Lake. Swen and Karen were married in 1873, and their daughter Josephine was born January 31, 1874, at West Jordan. In 1875 they moved to Heber, where two other children were born, John, July 7, 1876 (died September 6, 1876), and Gustaf, born January 2, 1878. Both he and his mother died that same day.

At this time they were living on a farm in Daniels Canyon up the creek from the Joseph Jacob Sr. farm. His second wife, Esther Margratta Wahlquist, was born September 16, 1860, in Ostra Ryd, Ostergotland, Sweden, daughter of Anders Fredric and Anna Catharina Wahlquist. He married her in the Salt Lake Endowment House.

They continued to live on the farm and became the parents of Eva Margratta, who was born September 2, 1881, at Daniels Creek. She married O. R. Peterson of Rupert, Idaho. A daughter, Annie Catharina, was born April 5, 1884, and died May 25, 1889. A son, Charles Peter, was born De-

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cember 21, 1886, and married Mary Anna Shaw, daughter of William Dudley and Anna Rosina Cardon Shaw of Logan in the Salt Lake Temple, June 4, 1924. A daughter Agnes was born July 26, 1889, and died the same day. Esther had fallen before this birth. She followed this child in death on August 3, 1889. Esther has also suffered blindness for a short time.

Swen had homesteaded on land adjoining Anna Wahlquist's on the south. On this land he built a permanent home. Here he farmed and bought produce of all kinds from neighbors to haul to Park City for resale.

He and P. H. McGuire, John P. Anderson, John J. Howe, Hyrum Oaks, Eli Gordon and Mark Orgill were mainly responsible for building canals in Strawberry Valley to divert water into Daniel Canyon. He also was active in Church and school affairs.

His third wife was Hannah Wilhelmina Erickson of Salt Lake.

A son, Arthur Edmund Bjorkman, was born July 14, 1893, at Daniel. He married Viola Wathen of Bluebell, Utah, on November 25, 1914. She died June 3, 1932, at Daniel, after the birth of a son, Keith. Her other children are Leola, Doris, George and Hal. Arthur married Eveline Brough of Bountiful on May 9, 1933. She died August 28, 1958, at Bountiful, leaving three daughters, Merilyn, Gwendolyn and Carolyn. He then married Jennie Shelton Swain Clark.

Hannah's second son, George Alfred, was born March 22, 1897, at Daniel, and drowned April 26, 1898, in the Daniel Creek canal which ran in front of her home. Her third son, Swen Robert, was born November 12, 1899, at Park City. He married Ora Iona Pickett of Burley, Idaho, on August 25, 1926. Their children are Beverley, Marcia and Lynn Robert.

Swen continued farming and peddling, making his last trip just a few days before his death.

Charles, Arthur and Robert all became educators. Charles taught in Wasatch and Summit Counties. He was one of the filmmakers in the movie "100 Years of Mormonism," made in Wasatch County. He also was a good carpenter. His wife, Mary, was a home economics teacher at Kanam.

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